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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
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EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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10 STEPHEN A. SMITH, as Special
11 Administrator of the Estate of Sharleen G.
12 Robson (deceased), and the Estate of Robert
13 W. Robson (deceased),
14 Plaintiff,
15 v.
16 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al.,
17 Defendants.

Case No. 1:22-cv-01032-JLT-SAB
ORDER RE STIPULATION TO CONTINUE
MANDATORY SCHEDULING
CONFERENCE
(ECF Nos. 38, 39, 40)

18 Plaintiff initiated this tax refund action against Defendants United States, the Department
19 of Treasury and the Internal Revenue Service on August 16, 2022. (ECF No. 1.) The United
20 States, on behalf of Defendants, filed an answer to the complaint on March 6, 2023. (ECF No.
21 31.) An initial scheduling conference is currently set for September 26, 2023. (ECF No. 38.)

22 On September 18, 2023, the parties filed a stipulated request to continue the scheduling
23 conference approximately seventy-seven (77) days to allow the Defendants additional time to
24 review Plaintiff's global settlement proposal and supporting documents. (ECF No. 39.) In sum,
25 the parties agree that after the Defendants have completed their review, the parties should be able
26 to determine whether a basis of settlement of this case is possible; and then, due to the
27 complexity of the issues and the multiple taxable years and income tax returns that will be
28 affected by such global settlement, additional time may be necessary for the parties and their

1 counsel to negotiate and agree on the terms and conditions of a global settlement, and to
2 document the same. (ECF No. 39.) The Court finds good cause to grant the extension and shall
3 continue the scheduling conference.

4 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. The Scheduling Conference set for September 26, 2023, is continued to December 12, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.; and
 2. The parties shall file a joint scheduling report seven (7) days prior to the scheduling conference.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: **September 19, 2023**



UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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